



STATE OF TENNESSEE
PROCLAMATION
BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Tennesseans with disabilities contribute vitality, dedication, skills, abilities and their individual talents to our collective workforce; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Department of Human Services (TDHS) Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors conduct assessments, provide counseling, assist families, plan and implement rehabilitation programs and establish relationships with businesses to best serve Tennesseans with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors use Rehabilitation Counseling knowledge and ingenuity to work closely with vocational rehabilitation clients in helping them achieve and maintain their career goals; and

WHEREAS, the economic independence, self-reliance and personal pride that results from employment positively impacts not only the individual with a disability but also their family, workplace and communities; and

WHEREAS, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors are actively serving more than 8,700 Tennesseans with disabilities in achieving their employment goals, and in state fiscal year 2017 assisted more than 1,985 reach their career goal; and

WHEREAS, TDHS Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors partner with federal, state, and community partners to further the range of services and maximize opportunities for people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, nationally, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors are being recognized for their work in service to individuals with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Haslam, Governor of the State of Tennessee, do hereby proclaim March 22, 2018 as

*Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor
Appreciation Day*

in Tennessee and encourage all citizens to join me in this worthy observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed at Nashville on this thirteenth day of March, 2018.

Handwritten signature of Bill Haslam in blue ink.

Governor

Handwritten signature of Steve Dargatz in blue ink.

Secretary of State

